GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

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Harassment of Indian Students Abroad
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Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

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(a) whether there have been instances of Indian students being harassed in various foreign countries;

(b) if so, the details thereof during the last three years, year and country-wise; and

(c) the steps taken by the Government for the safety and security of the Indian students who are going to foreign countries for higher studies and for any other academic activities?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
[GEN. (DR) V. K. SINGH (RETD)]

(a) Yes.

(b) As per information received from the Indian Missions/Posts abroad year-wise and country-wise details of such cases for the last three years are given below:

Sl.No. Name of Country Year
2013 2014 2015
1 Germany Nil 01 04
2 Kyrgyzstan 94 03 05
3 Republic of Korea Nil 01 Nil
4 Malaysia 02 04 03
5 Nepal Nil Nil 01
6 Lithuania Nil 02 Nil
7 Italy 01 Nil Nil
8 USA* Nil 01 Nil

*Information received from Mission in Washington DC and CGI, New York
Rest of 114 Missions/Posts have sent "Nil" Report

(c) The Ministry of External Affairs and Indian Missions/Posts abroad take prompt action to address issues pertaining to security, safety, and welfare of Indian students who are enrolled in foreign universities and educational institutions.

The Ministry and our Missions are in regular contact with foreign governments, universities and educational institutions, Indian Student Associations and community organizations and take all possible measures to provide assistance to Indian students in foreign countries, as and when such issues arise.

Indian Student Welfare Officers have been designated in Indian Missions, in countries where there are large number of Indian students enrolled.

Ministry and Missions also issue advisories to Indian students asking them to carry all documentation and undertake due diligence to ensure that the foreign institutions to which they are seeking admission have proper authorization and capacities.